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**SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Civic Center Library Board Room
April 20, 2011 - 3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Louise Nemanich, Chair
Doug Sydnor, Vice Chair
Denise Dowers
Joan Freund
Paul J. Lison
Carol Padwe

Staff Present: Rita Hamilton, Library Director
Bill Murphy, Executive Director, Community Services
Carol Damaso, Public Services Sr. Manager
Aimee Fifarek, Library Technologies & Content Sr. Manager
Kathy Coster, Support Services Sr. Manager
Cheryl Thomsen, Library Administrative Coordinator
Ann Porter, Community Relations Coordinator
Rose Rimsnider, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Nemanich called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Nemanich called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the March meeting.
Mr. Lison so moved; Ms. Dowers seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Sydnor and Mrs. Padwe arrived for the meeting after the vote.

LIBRARY STAFF REPORTS OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Monthly Statistical Report – Cheryl Thomsen

	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>March 2011</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Items Circulated YTD	2,636,156	2,578,936	-2%
Attendance	149,772	138,641	-7%
YTD Attendance	1,098,284	1,119,538	+2%
WiFi uses	4,963	6,027	+21%
Youth Programs	279	299	+7%
Youth Program Attendance	5,496	5,454	-1%

In March 2011, volunteers donated 3,760 hours to the Library. In the Library Book Sale Special Revenue Account, March income from sales were \$18,068.

Library Director's Report – Rita Hamilton

The Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library will hold their annual fundraiser, Authors and Appetizers, on May 20th featuring Arizona authors from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Library.

The AZ Republic and Diamondbacks will sponsor our summer reading program from May 31-July 30.

As a follow up report on the number of DVDs checked out by customers, Ms. Hamilton reported that the majority of customers check out 1-10 DVDs, five percent of customers check out 20-24, and two percent of customers check out 25-30 DVDs. Ms. Dowers and Mrs. Freund said they would like Ms. Hamilton to consider making a change to the number of DVDs a customer is allowed to check out.

Ms. Hamilton announced that the library is working on a project that will offer mobile phone recommendations on what to read. We hope to add this service by early June.

Kindle is teaming up with Overdrive to allow Kindle owners to borrow books from libraries.

Ms. Hamilton recognized Mr. Lison for his five years of library service. We honored library volunteers at the Giving Tree Ceremony on April 12th during Volunteer Recognition Week.

Customer Comment Report – Rita Hamilton

QuestionPoint, an online "Ask a Librarian" service is being included in the Customer Comment report. These are comments on the service provided via QuestionPoint.

ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Dowers moved to approve Mrs. Padwe as Library Board Secretary; Mr. Lison seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

RESPONSE TO CITY AUDIT ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mrs. Nemanich led a discussion on the Board's response to the City Audit on Boards and Commissions. The following three items were discussed: ideas on how to increase citizen participation, increased communications with the Council and reducing any associated meeting costs.

Mrs. Freund moved to hold every third Library Board meeting at another library branch beginning in September 2011 and evaluate costs associated after all libraries have been visited once; seconded by Mr. Lison. Approved 6-0.

Mr. Sydnor moved to produce a quarterly Board report in addition to the annual report to Council and present a minimum of one oral report with the Chair as designated spokesperson; seconded by Mrs. Freund. Approved 6-0.

PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Ms. Hamilton presented a revised proposal for library hours to be reduced. A reduction of 57 hours is being proposed for all five branches. Mr. Murphy reported that the library's burden of reductions proposed by the City Manager has been reduced and we need to honor the Inter Governmental Agreement with Scottsdale Unified School District through 2012. A discussion

ensued as to how the four branches will be affected if the Palomino Library remains open to the public. Board members expressed their opinions and made recommendations as to reductions at the libraries.

Ms. Dowers moved to recommend to Council that Palomino Library hours be set in line with other school libraries' schedule of 7:30am – 3:00pm; Mr. Lison seconded. Failed 1-5.

Ms. Dowers moved to recommend to Council that Palomino's IGA be terminated at the earliest date; Mr. Lison seconded. Approved 4-2.

COMMUNICATION WITH COUNCIL

Mr. Sydnor expressed his concern that communication from the Board to the Council should be made as a unified voice. The Chair should be the spokesperson for the entire Board as set forth in the Bylaws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ISSUES FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Rimsnider, Administrative Secretary